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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6 have been amended.
2. Claims 1-6 are pending.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection of Schneier "Applied Cryptography".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schneier (Applied Cryptography).

Regarding claim 1, Schneier discloses a cryptographic communication method comprising installing cryptographic algorithms containing block encryption (ciphers) and stream encryption (ciphers). The communication is carried out by combining the block encryption (enciphers) and the stream encryption (enciphers) as shown in Figure 8.17 on page 175. The stream cipher functions as the output feedback mode and the block cipher functions as the output function.

Regarding claim 2, Schneier discloses enciphering a plaintext code which is a secrecy object by block encryption, encipher by stream encryption and block encryption

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and restore the block encryption (cipher) as the original plaintext code as shown on page 176-177.

Regarding claim 3, Schneier discloses enciphering a plaintext code which is a secrecy object by block encryption, encipher by stream encryption and block encryption and obtain a cipher code as shown on page 176-177, and restoring a received cipher code by stream encryption to obtain an original plaintext code as shown on page 177.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneier in view of Italia et al. (US Patent No. 6,792,111).

Regarding claim 4, Schneier discloses the method of claim 1, in which block encryption and stream encryption are used for cryptographic communication. However, Schneier does not teach a cipher key, a cipher table, and a restoration table. Italia et al. discloses respective data bases for a cipher key, a cipher table, and a restoration table in the chaos block encryption are controlled unitarily by providing with an appropriate initial value $x(0)$. (See Column 2, lines 20-26 and Column 7, lines 38-56).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Schneier's block and stream ciphers with Italia et al's chaotic cryptation system in order to provide a cryptographic communication system based on chaotic

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models that possess enhanced security. (See Italia, Column 2, lines 65-67 and Column 3, lines 1-12).

Claims 5 and 6 are substantially equivalent to claim 4, therefore claims 5 and 6 are rejected for the same reasons.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney D. Fields whose telephone number is 571-272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs. 6:00 - 4:00 pm; off every Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on 571-272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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